

A GOOD MAN

Acts 11: 22 -24

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INTRODUCTION

1. We hear much talk about a GOOD MAN.
 2. But when we measure man by the Bible, we soon learn there are not many good men by that standard – Eccl. 7:20.
 3. Let us turn to the Bible to see what it has to say about a GOOD MAN.
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- I. *“A GOOD MAN OBTAINETH FAVOR OF THE LORD” –Prov. 12:2*
 - a. What it means to have the *“favor of the Lord”* – Christ is an example – Luke 2:52.
 - b. Christ always did God’s will – John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38; Heb. 10:7; Rom. 15:3; Heb. 5: 8 – 9; Mark 14:36.
 - c. The man who does the will of God has His favor – Matt. 7: 21; Acts 10: 34 – 35; Prov. 3: 3 – 4.
 - i. One who did not do His will – Matt. 7: 26 – 27.
 - d. It takes more than just being moral to be a good man:
 - i. Cornelius – Acts 10: 1 – 2; Rom. 3:9, 10, 23.
 - e. His steps must be ordered by the Lord – Psa. 37: 23.
 - II. *“A GOOD MAN LEAVETH AN INHERITANCE TO HIS CHILDREN’S CHILDREN” --Prov. 13:22.*
 - a. A good man leaves a good name for his grandchildren and children – Prov. 22:1.
 - b. A good man leaves an example for his children and grandchildren to follow – Revel. 14:13; Heb. 11:4.
 - c. He leaves them faith in God and His Word – 2 Tim. 1:5; 3: 15 – 17.
 - d. This is better than any material wealth.
 - III. *“A GOOD MAN SHOWETH FAVOR, AND LENETH” –Psa. 112: 5*
 - a. He shows favor to his fellow man and helps him in time of need – I John 3:17, 18; Gal. 6:10, 2; Rom. 12:13; 15:20; Luke 10: 25 – 37; James 1:27.
 - b. A good man is a good neighbor – Luke 6:35; Rom. 12:18.
 - c. A good man goes beyond the rigid demands of justice – Rom. 5:7; Matt. 5: 38- 47; I Cor. 6:7.
 - IV. *“A GOOD MAN OUT OF THE GOOD TREASURE OF HIS HEART BRINGETH FORTH THAT WHICH IS GOOD” – Luke 6:45.*
 - a. A good man does not speak profanity – Ex. 20:7.
 - b. He does not think upon evil things – Phil. 4: 7 – 8.
 - c. He does not tell dirty, vulgar jokes – Eph. 4:29.
 - d. He is not a gossip – I Pet. 2:1; I Tim. 5:13; Lev. 19:16.
 - e. His speech is seasoned with salt – Col. 4:6.
 - f. He does not lust – Matt. 5:28.
 - V. THREE THINGS A GOOD MAN DOES – Micah 6:8:

- a. *"To do justly"* – 2 Cor. 8:21.
 - b. *"To love mercy" (or love kindness)* – James 2:13.
 - c. *"Walk humbly with thy God"* – James 4:10.
- VI. EXAMPLES OF GOOD MEN:
- a. Joseph of Arimathea – Luke 23: 50 – 56; John 19: 38 – 42.
 - i. Waited for the kingdom of God – Mark 15:43.
 - ii. Craved the body of Jesus.
 - b. Barnabas – Acts 11: 22 – 24
 - i. He gave to the church to help the poor saints – Acts 4: 36 – 37.
 - ii. Full of the Holy Spirit and of faith – Acts 11: 22 – 24.
 - iii. He taught others – Acts 11: 22 – 26.
- VII. CONCLUSION
- a. Can it be said, "You are a GOOD MAN"?

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